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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Kingsville

Subj: DIXIE ANNEX DEER TAG DRAWING GUIDELINES FOR CY 2020-2021 HUNTING

SEASON

Ref: (a) NASKINGSINST 1710.27Q

(b) NASKINGSINST 1710.7QQ

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. References (a) through (b) govern hunting on Dixie Annex. The purpose of this notice is to publish additional guidance outlining the annual deer management tag drawing, specific season dates, and permit fees.
- 2. <u>Discussion</u>. Dixie Annex has been issued a Level Three Managed Land Deer Permit (MLDP) by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Under this permit, TPWD issues deer management tags to the installation, which are used in lieu of the tags provided on the Texas State Hunting License to legally tag all deer harvested aboard Dixie Annex. No outside deer tags will be allowed. Tags are issued for both Bucks and Antlerless Deer. Annual harvest quotas are recommended by TPWD personnel based on annual deer survey counts. The NAS Kingsville Commanding Officer may modify these quota limits based upon input from the Core Working Group as outlined in reference (a), but cannot exceed state and federal regulations.

3. General Guidelines

- a. The 2020-2021 Dixie Annex deer-hunting season will be held 16 OCT 20 20 DEC 20 as follows: Hunting will occur Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and evenings, and Sunday mornings, only.
- b. Methods of taking game shall be in accordance with regulations of the Federal Government and the State of Texas as listed under MLDP Level Three program guidance. Eligibility, minimum age restrictions, hunter education requirements and Dixie Annex permit requirements shall be in accordance with references (a) and (b).
- c. The number of tags available for the drawing will be determined by the assigned TPWD biologist. Names are drawn until all tags have been issued or no further entries remain. All tags not filled at the end of the season will be returned to TPWD.
 - d. Eligible entries for the drawing are based on the following:
- (1) Active Duty personnel assigned onboard NASK Three tickets per person entered into the drawing.
- (2) Active Duty personnel (NON-NASK) and Disabled Veterans Two tickets per person entered into the drawing.

- (3) Retired military/DOD employees/Reserve Personnel/National Guard and military dependents (Nine years of age and older) One ticket per person entered into the drawing.
- (4) Huntmaster will receive one (1) additional ticket for every year they have performed duties as a Huntmaster.
- e. Having a ticket drawn entitles that person, <u>and that person only</u>, to a deer tag; tags <u>ARE</u> NOT TRANSFERABLE.
- 4. <u>Hours of Operation</u>. The Annex will be open for hunting on weekends only as published annually in this Notice.
 - a. General Deer:
 - (1) Oct 16-18, 2020
 - (2) Oct 23-25, 2020
 - (3) Oct 30- Nov 1, 2020
 - (4) Nov 6-8, 2020
 - (5) Nov 13-15, 2020
 - (6) Nov 20-22, 2020
 - (7) Dec 4-6, 2020
 - (8) Dec 11-13, 2020
 - (9) Dec 18-20, 2020
 - b. Dove:
 - (1) Jan 15-17, 2021
 - c. Quail:
 - (1) Jan 15-17, 2021
 - (2) Feb 19-21, 2021
 - d. Waterfowl:
 - (1) Jan 15-17, 2021

- e. Turkey:
 - (1) Jan 15-17, 2021
 - (2) Mar 26-28, 2021
 - (3) Apr 23-25, 2021
- f. Hog/Predator:
 - (1) Jan 15-17, 2021
 - (2) Feb 19-21, 2021
 - (3) Mar 26-28, 2021
 - (4) Apr 23-25, 2021
 - (5) May 21-23, 2021
- 5. <u>Drawings</u>. Drawings are held and tags will be reserved for the patrons whose names are drawn pending purchase of applicable hunting permit.
 - a. The Commanding Officer or designee will conduct all drawings.
 - b. Drawings are held as described below: General Drawing:
 - (1) Open to all eligible hunters.
- (2) This drawing will be held on 18 September 2020. Drawing will be recorded and posted via the NAS Kingsville Facebook page. A list of those drawn will also be posted.
- 6. Hunting Permit Fees
 - a. Deer Hunting Permit NASK: \$250.00
 - (1) Bird Hunting Permit NASK: \$25.00
 - b. Hunting Permit Dixie Annex:
 - (1) Antlerless: \$200.00
 - (2) Buck: \$300.00
 - (3) Bird/Hog/Turkey: \$150.00
- c. Super Combo: \$400.00 (Super Combo includes permission to participate in ALL hunting onboard NASK and Dixie Annex).

- d. Huntmaster Super Combo: \$200.00 (Huntmasters will not be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from Dixie Annex throughout the year for work days and duty).
- e. Payments for all hunting permits must be processed at the NAS Kingsville Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Outdoor Recreation office. The permit may be purchased in person or over the phone. Patrons wishing to make payment following the drawing for Dixie Annex must do so within 14 calendar days following the drawing. If no payment is made, the tag will be issued to an alternate selected at the time of the drawing. Alternates will have 48 hours to make payment from time of notification. Cash or credit cards are accepted as methods of payment.

7. Notifications

- a. Patrons whose tickets are drawn, will be notified by e-mail and/or telephone within three working days after the drawing. Additionally, a list of individuals drawn will be posted on the NAS Kingsville Facebook page.
- b. Once notified, patrons will be required to purchase the applicable Dixie Annex hunting permit within 14 calendar days (if not already purchased).
- c. Patrons who fail to purchase the applicable Dixie Annex permit or who fail to respond to notification within 14 calendar days will be considered to have forfeited their tags.
- d. MWR Outdoor Recreation staff members are not responsible for incorrect or illegible contact information.
- e. If primary patrons decline to purchase their tags, MWR Outdoor Recreation will notify an alternate as listed in the alternate selection list and alternates will be selected.
- f. On 13 OCT 2020, any tag/permit that has not been purchased by primary or alternate patrons will be available for purchase on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. Only one tag per patron may be purchased.
- 8. <u>General Drawing Entry Ticket</u>. Tickets may be requested only through the NAS Kingsville MWR Outdoor Recreation office. Tickets may be requested in person or over the phone.
 - (a) Ticket request will be required to be completed by 1600 on 16 September 2020.
 - (b) Patrons will be allowed to schedule hunting weekends at time of payment.
- (c) Selection of hunting weekends will be on a first-come, first-serve basis following payment of the required fees.
- (d) If, after the fact, a patron needs to change the weekend they were scheduled for, the patron will need to contact the MWR Outdoor Recreation office for any changes. Patrons will choose one (1) scheduled weekend.
- (e) Standbys Patrons are allowed to come to Dixie Annex on non-scheduled hunt weekends on a standby basis. Patrons must contact MWR Outdoor Recreation office to inform them they are intending to attend a scheduled hunt weekend in standby status so the Huntmaster will have their

contact info available prior to the scheduled hunt. If blinds are available, the patron will be accommodated. There may be situations in which standby patrons will not be authorized.

- 9. Deer Harvest Restrictions. The following restrictions apply to deer harvested on Dixie Annex:
- a. Hunters whose tickets are drawn for an Antlerless ONLY tag will be allowed to harvest any Antlerless deer as defined by TPWD.
- b. Hunters whose tickets are drawn for a Buck ONLY tag will be allowed to harvest any buck that has at least one unbranched antler (Spike) OR an inside spread measurement between the main beams of 13 inches or greater. To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the "alert" position. If the inside spread of the main beams is outside the ear-tips, the deer is eligible to be harvested.
- c. In an effort to ensure the overall quality of the deer herd on Dixie Annex, strict adherence to the deer harvest restrictions outlined above is required. Hunters are expected to positively identify their target. Violators may:
 - (1) Be temporarily or permanently banned from all NASK sponsored hunt programs
- (2) Have their names forwarded to the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Game Warden if it has been determined that state game laws have been violated
- 10. <u>COVID-19 mitigations</u>. In consideration of possible restrictions due to COVID-19 response, the following precautions will be taken:
- a. Huntmasters and patrons are responsible for wearing face coverings if physical distancing of six (6) feet or greater cannot be maintained
- b. During safety briefs and mustering, Huntmasters and patrons will remain greater than six (6) feet physical distanced
 - c. Only persons from the same household will be allowed to hunt from the same blind
 - d. Any other precautions determined by the Commanding Officer or the Duty Huntmaster

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